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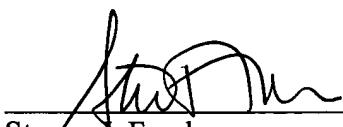
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In keeping with the duty of candor and good faith owed to the Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent No. 5,253,341, which is listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed reference is enclosed.

To the extent required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), Applicants have described what they consider to be the relevance of any foreign-language reference. It is understood that the Office may find additionally relevant material in these or other references.

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